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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING TRANSMITTED VIA FACSIMILE TO U. S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE AT THE FOLLOWING FACSIMILE NUMBER 703-308-6165, ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Sean Egan

Group Art Unit: 2764

Serial No.: 09/418,184

Examiner: M. Kemper

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ASSIGNING RATINGS TO MUTUAL FUNDS AND
OTHER INVESTMENT FUNDS BASED ON THE VALUE OF VARIOUS FUTURE AND
OPTION SECURITIES

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of May 8, 2001, to and through September 8, 2001. The extension will provide an opportunity for a telephone interview to discuss the draft amendment faxed to the Patent and Trademark Office on July 17, 2001, as the Examiner is believed to be out of the office through the original due date of August 8, 2001. This is an extension of the shortened statutory term from three months to four months, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of one (1) month:

	Small Entity	Other Than Small Entity
One Month	<u>xx</u> \$ 55	___ \$ 110
Two Months	\$195	___ \$ 390
Three Months	___\$445	___ \$ 890
Four Months	___ \$695	___ \$1,390

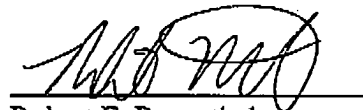
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Extension fee now due:

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- () A check in this amount is enclosed. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.
- (XX) Please charge the extension fee, and any deficiency, to Deposit Account No. 04-1679. This form is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,



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